



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Update: Fatal Tour Bus Collision US93, MP 28, Friday, January 30, 2009

Detectives from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Vehicle Crime Unit and Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are working together to determine the cause of this incident. Preliminary information indicates the tour bus was travelling northbound when the driver was distracted for an unknown reason, which caused the loss of control of the bus. Investigators have determined the bus partially drifted off the left side of the roadway, the driver overcorrected to the right, which caused the bus to travel across the northbound travel lanes, then off the roadway to the right, onto the dirt shoulder. At that point, the driver overcorrected again and the bus traveled back across the northbound lanes into the depressed center median where it proceeded onto the southbound travel lanes where it rolled over and came to rest.

Investigators do not suspect any criminal involvement in this case, nor do they believe the driver was impaired at the time of this collision. Any possible enforcement action has not been determined at this stage of the investigation. The tour bus collision is still an on-going investigation. Additional update information will be provided when new information is received.

A second collision occurred within minutes of the first collision involving the tour bus. This collision involved a motorcyclist traveling southbound on US 93 near Milepost 28, when the operator lost control of the motorcycle for an unknown reason which caused it to be laid down and slide along the roadway. The motorcycle operator sustained injuries and was transported to a local medical center where he was treated and released. This collision is being investigated as a separate collision, not connected to the first collision involving the tour bus.

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Listed below are the identities of the bus occupants that were injured in the collision. At the request of the Chinese Consulate's Office, the names of those killed will be withheld until later this week to verify appropriate next of kin notifications have been made to family members of the deceased.

- Driver: Han D. Dong, male, 48, Rose Mead Calif., injured, transported to a Las Vegas area medical center, admitted.
- Passenger: Shou Gui Wu, male, 47, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, treated and released.
- Passenger: Rui Hua Bao, female, 35, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, treated and released.
- Passenger: Yee Kwan Lau, female, 41, China, injured, transported to a Kingman Arizona medical center, admitted.
- Passenger: Tian Yi Xie, female, 19, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, admitted.
- Passenger: Bang Yao Hong, male, 50, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, admitted.
- Passenger: Shuang Wu, male, 8, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, treated and released.
- Ya Fen Cheng, female, 51, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, admitted.
- Ying Lei Zhao, female, 35, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, admitted.
- Shun Xing Zhao, male, 61, China, injured, transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area medical center, admitted.

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The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with over 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix with offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.

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